REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	18 June 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Taboo 92
Other Known Titles:	Taboo, Taboo "92"
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	CD-ROM (film)
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Taboo 92	Running time:	69.45
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	69.45

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availablility of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the CD-ROM film *Taboo 92* as a restricted publication, namely:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Taboo 92 contains six scenes of explicit sexual activity between men and women. The activity appears to be mutually pleasurable and consensual. However, there are a number of close focus shots of genitals which reduce the participants to a collection of body parts for the pleasure of the viewer, dehumanising them to some extent.

Given the presentation of explicit sex scenes which at times dehumanise the participants, the Classification Office considers that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good unless it is restricted to an adult audience. This is considered to be a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation of the rights and freedoms in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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